

Initial Meeting with the Retreat Coordinator

In your meeting with your retreat coordinator, address the following ideas about Hearts Afire: Parish-based Programs from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception (HAPP®):

1. The need for an increase in holiness and dedication to sacramental life among Catholics.
2. The importance of the Holy Spirit in renewing Catholic faith and practice.
3. The simplicity of the HAPP® Program: a turnkey program that intensifies Catholic piety and life through a three-step program already recorded as approved Catholic teaching on DVD by Fr. Michael Gaitley, M.I.C. (Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge MA):
 - Stage One: The Two Hearts:
 - The Immaculate Heart of Mary – Marian Consecration in *33 Days to Morning Glory*
 - The Sacred Heart – Divine Mercy in *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*
 - Stage Two: Wisdom and Works of Mercy
 - Stage Three: Keeping Hearts Ablaze
4. In Stage One (*The Two Hearts*), parish retreats connect the participants to both Mary and the Sacramental life lived in the parish:
 - The first retreat, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, and Fr. Michael Gaitley's simple approach to asking for Mary's help.
 - The *Retreat Companion* and the already-prepared materials to deepen reflection on Catholic sacramental life and the Catholic goal of eternal life with God.
 - The training and coordinator support materials available in print and available on AllHeartsAfire.org make running a program simple.
 - Mass attendance and consecration visibility to the parish at large.
5. Your request that the coordinator be willing to take care of scheduling facilities, calendaring dates, ordering of materials, registering and contacting participants, and training small group leaders.
6. Encourage your coordinator to build a core team of 3 to 6 people to assist with the program needs.

Covering all these details in your explanation and requests of the chosen coordinator will create a vision of the hoped-for renewal of parish participants and through them the entire parish. The vision presented by you shows the chosen coordinator your pastoral commitment to this program and your support of the person who leads it.